

**DECISION NOTICE**

Project: Rainbow trout and yellow perch stocking in a BLM pond located at Lat: 47.12572 Long: -106.06439 in Prairie County

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I. Proposal

One-time only stocking by the Miles City Hatchery of catchable sized rainbow trout (7 inches long) into a BLM pond to establish a new angler opportunity in the local area. If trout overwinter, future stocking efforts include yellow perch from the Miles City Hatchery or a wild fish transfer from another fishery.

II. Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA)

MEPA requires FWP to assess the potential consequences of this proposed action for the human and natural environment. The proposal is detailed in a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) completed by FWP on September 7, 2022. The 30-day comment period for this EA is not required because the proposed action is not controversial and does not pose a new risk to the human or natural environment. This Decision Notice will serve as the final document.

III. Summary of Public Comment

Posting on FWP's website and copied to EQC.

IV. Decision

It has been decided to move forward with stocking rainbow trout and yellow perch at the BLM pond in Prairie County.

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